

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
THE FOREIGN BROADCAST INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Office of the Director [redacted]

Directs and supervises the execution of all the functions of the service; responsible for supervision of the field offices, coordination of the work of the various divisions and units, liaison between the service and the government departments which it serves.

Monitoring Division [redacted]

Monitors (linguists) summarize in English and provide excerpts from significant broadcasts being received [redacted]

[redacted] All broadcasts monitored are recorded. Important ones are translated in full, some as part of regular schedule, others in response to special requests. A Program Information Section in the Division maintains a complete list of foreign broadcasts by station, frequency and time, which is used as the basis for making up the monitoring schedule for all Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service (FBIS) monitoring stations.

Publications Division [redacted]

Prepares and issues mimeographed and typewritten reports on incoming broadcasts for rapid distribution to government agencies requesting them. These include a daily report of texts, summaries and excerpts of Far Eastern broadcasts prepared by Far Eastern Section; a similar report of European broadcasts prepared by European Section; a similar report of European broadcasts by Latin American Section; special reports in answer to queries. This Division maintains cumulating, detailed knowledge of the content of the monitored radio broadcasts of foreign powers. A Special Services Section serves the Division by maintaining files of background facts, names and places and serves as a center for telephone and written queries for particular information from other agencies.

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Operates general specialized teletype services to interested government agencies to provide rapidly factual information of what is being broadcast by foreign powers; receives and transmits to monitors and editors the requests from user agencies for specific subjects or kinds of information to be monitored.

25X1 Administrative Services Division [redacted]

Receives stencils of reports from the Publications Division and transcripts from the Monitoring Division; mimeographs, collates and distributes by messenger and mail the reports thus processed; also receives, records, distributes and files incoming and outgoing correspondence, mimeographed reports, transcripts and recordings; maintains a messenger service.

25X1 Field Organization [redacted]

The field stations are located at strategic points for the interception and reporting to Washington of foreign broadcasts not monitored in the Washington area. There are FBIS stations at Guam; Kauai, T.H.; and Portland, Oregon. These stations monitor, translate, edit and dispatch by radio and pouch to Washington, D.C., press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers.

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The foregoing functional organization of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service is substantially that taken over by the War Department effective 30 December 1945. It is subject to review prior to final approval by the War Department.

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